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## To The Reader:

The Guidelines for the Prevention, Treatment and Control of Tuberculosis has been published to provide TB resource information which is readily accessible and pertinent to health care providers in all settings. The Washington State Department of Health TB Program Guidelines will help you answer such questions as:

- Who has the authority to assure control of TB in Washington State?
- What populations are at risk for TB infections and/or disease?
- How do I provide case management for patients with active TB disease?
- What are the appropriate drug treatment regimens?

The guidelines include references and resources current for 2004. It will be up to the health care provider to update this document by obtaining supplements on revised TB guidelines as they are published.

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The TB Program of Washington State contributes to better health for communities, families, and individuals through elimination of disease, prevention of infection, and controlling the spread of TB.

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**Disclaimer**: This document is to be used as a resource guide for local health departments and primary care providers. It was not the intention of this manual to provide complete and detailed clinical information for the management of TB cases. It is always advisable for clinicians to seek the advice and consultation from a TB expert when unfamiliar with the disease management or with individual client issues.